

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. APP. NO. 09/078,555

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-22 are withdrawn from consideration and are cancelled by this Amendment.

Claims 23, 26-27, 30, 34 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al (USP 5,251,033).

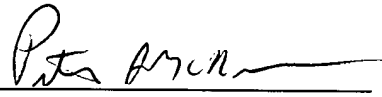
The Examiner has indicted that claims 24-25, 28-29, 31-33, 35-36 and 38-40 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 24, 28, 31 35 and 38 are rewritten in independent form and are believed to be allowable. The rejected claims are cancelled from this application.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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